

Agenda Item:

Date: April 7, 2021

Commission Action Date: April 13, 2021

TO: Arts & Culture Commission**FROM:** Kathryn Dippong Lawson, Recreation Supervisor
Emily Fox, Recreation Manager**SUBJECT:** Review & Recommendation - Public Art Utility Boxes at Telegraph Road and Day Road.**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an action item. It is recommended that the Arts & Culture Commission review and recommend the public art utility box designs proposed for the utility boxes located on the corner of Telegraph Road and Day Road.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Community Partnerships Division has received a public art utility box application from artist Kaylie Pendleton. Kaylie is proposing designs for the two utility boxes located on the corner of Telegraph Road and Day Road, adjacent to Ventura College. The poppy design was included in her original application. After learning that a second utility box was available in the same location, Kaylie started a small fundraising campaign to cover the cost of both boxes. Within two weeks she raised the funds to support painting both boxes with contributions received from community members, family, and friends.

Both designs reflect the images of California spring flowers in soft warm hues. The words "Love" and "Ventura" evoke a sense of community pride when paired together. When considered separately, they are just as meaningful and encourage positive reflection from viewers.

City staff has reviewed the submitted public art utility box application packet. The application meets all requirements and is eligible to move to the artist rendering review and recommendation phase by the Arts & Culture Commission.

Attachments for Review:

- [Attachment A: Utility Box Location](#)
- [Attachment B: Utility Box Design Rendering](#)